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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AFRICA.

*Report from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague and plague-infected rodents.*

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
*Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, May 23, 1904.*

The following report by the medical officer of health for the Colony on the state of the outbreak of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended May 21, 1904, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,  
*Under Colonial Secretary.*

*Port Elizabeth.*—Two cases of plague were discovered during the week, namely: Two European males on the 17th and 20th instant, respectively. At the plague hospital 1 European male died and 1 colored female was discharged recovered; 6 cases remain under treatment. Two hundred and twenty-two (51 found dead) rats and 303 (27 found dead) mice bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 42 rats and 28 mice proved to be plague-infected.

*Other places.*—At East London, Uitenhage, Queenstown, King Williams Town, and Knysna no case of plague was discovered in man or animal.

### CAPE TOWN.

*Harbor board area and shipping in harbor.*—Number of rodents examined 291; nothing found suspicious of plague.

*Cape Town municipal area.*—Number of rodents examined by the medical officer of health for the city 334; nothing found suspicious of plague.

A. JOHN GREGORY,  
*Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.*

### BRAZIL.

*Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Smallpox and yellow fever—Epidemic dysentery in Pernambuco—Yellow fever and the mosquito.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, May 27 and June 1, as follows:

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows:

During the week ended May 21 the following vessels were inspected and issued bills of health from this office:

On May 17 the German steamship *Syracusa*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew while here; on the same date, the British steamship *Pennine Range*, for New York, with cargo of coffee, no passengers, and 1 new member of crew taken on here; on May 19 the British steamship *Cunaxa*, for Baltimore, with a cargo of manganese ore, no passengers, and 1 new man added to the crew list while here, and on the same date